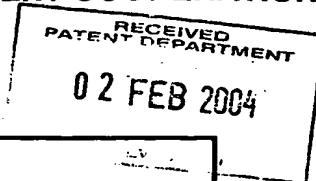


Recd w/ file

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the RECEIVING OFFICE



PCT

To:

Finnie, Nicholas J.
UNILEVER PLC
Patent Department
Colworth House
Sharnbrook, Bedford
Bedfordshire MK44 1LQ
GRANDE BRETAGNE

NOTIFICATION RELATING TO PRIORITY CLAIM

(PCT Rules 26bis.1 and 26bis.2 and
Administrative Instructions, Sections 302 and 314)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year)

30 JAN 2004

Applicant's or agent's file reference

~~PCT/EP03/12219~~

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/EP03/12219

International filing date
(day/month/year)

03/11/2003

Applicant

UNILEVER PLC

The applicant is hereby notified of the following in respect of the priority claim(s) made in the international application.

1. Correction of priority claim. In accordance with the applicant's notice received on: 26.01.04.
02258921.2
 even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.
 even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:
2. Addition of priority claim. In accordance with the applicant's notice received on:
the following priority claim has been added:
 even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.
 even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:
3. As a result of the correction and/or addition of (a) priority claim(s) under items 1 and/or 2, the (earliest) priority date is:
4. The priority claim (*see also item 5, below, if applicable*) is considered not to have been made because:
 the applicant failed to respond to the invitation under Rule 26bis.2(a)(Form PCT/RO/110) within the prescribed time limit.
 the applicant's notice was received after the expiration of the prescribed time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a).
 the applicant's notice failed to correct the priority claim so as to comply with the requirements of Rule 4.10.

The applicant may, before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed and subject to the payment of a fee, request the International Bureau to publish, together with the international application, information concerning the priority claim. See Rule 26bis.2(c) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, Annex B2(1B).

5. In case where multiple priorities have been claimed, the above item(s) relate to the following priority claim(s):

6. A copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau and to the International Searching Authority.

Name and mailing address of the Receiving Office



European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL-2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

M. de Jong-de Koster

PCT REQUEST

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

0	For receiving Office use only International Application No.	
0-1	PCT/EP 03 / 12219	
0-2	International Filing Date	03 Oct 2003 (03.11.03)
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION
0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.07.2003)
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	European Patent Office (EPO) (RO/EP)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	F3325 (C) / rkk
I	Title of invention	PREPARATION OF ANTIFREEZE PROTEIN
II	Applicant	
II-1	This person is:	applicant only
II-2	Applicant for	AP: (GH GM KE LS MW SD SL SZ TZ UG ZM ZW); EP: (CY GB IE); AE AG AU BB BZ CA EG GB GD GH GM IL KE LC LK LS MN MW NZ OM PG SC SD SG SL TT TZ UG VC ZA ZM ZW
II-4	Name	UNILEVER PLC
II-5	Address:	Unilever House Blackfriars London, EC4P 4BQ United Kingdom
II-6	State of nationality	GB
II-7	State of residence	GB
II-8	Telephone No.	(01234) 22 2068
II-9	Facsimile No.	(01234) 22 2633

PCT REQUEST

F3325(C)/rkk

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

III-1	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-1-1	This person is:	applicant only
III-1-2	Applicant for	AP: (MZ); EA: (AM AZ BY KG KZ MD RU TJ TM); EP: (AT BE BG CH&LI CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GR HU IT LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR); OA: (BF BJ CF CG CI CM GA GN GQ GW ML MR NE SN TD TG); AL AM AT AZ BA BG BR BY CH&LI CN CO CR CU CZ DE DK DM DZ EC EE ES FI GE HR HU ID IS JP KG KP KR KZ LR LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MX MZ NI NO PH PL PT RO RU SE SK SY TJ TM TN TR UA UZ VN YU
III-1-4	Name	UNILEVER NV
III-1-5	Address:	Weena 455 NL-3013 AL Rotterdam Netherlands
III-1-6	State of nationality	NL
III-1-7	State of residence	NL
III-2	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-2-1	This person is:	applicant only
III-2-2	Applicant for	IN
III-2-4	Name	HINDUSTAN LEVER LIMITED
III-2-5	Address:	Hindustan Lever House 165/166 Backbay Reclamation Maharashtra 400 020 Mumbai India
III-2-6	State of nationality	IN
III-2-7	State of residence	IN
III-3	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-3-1	This person is:	applicant and inventor
III-3-2	Applicant for	US only
III-3-4	Name (LAST, First)	CHAPMAN, John, William
III-3-5	Address:	Unilever R&D Vlaardingen Olivier van Noortlaan 120 NL-3133 AT Vlaardingen Netherlands
III-3-6	State of nationality	GB
III-3-7	State of residence	NL

PCT REQUEST

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

III-4	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-4-1	This person is:	
III-4-2	Applicant for	
III-4-4	Name (LAST, First)	
III-4-5	Address:	
III-4-6	State of nationality	
III-4-7	State of residence	
III-5	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-5-1	This person is:	
III-5-2	Applicant for	
III-5-4	Name (LAST, First)	
III-5-5	Address:	
III-5-6	State of nationality	
III-5-7	State of residence	
III-6	Applicant and/or inventor	
III-6-1	This person is:	
III-6-2	Applicant for	
III-6-4	Name (LAST, First)	
III-6-5	Address:	
III-6-6	State of nationality	
III-6-7	State of residence	
IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	
IV-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	
IV-1-2	Address:	
IV-1-3	Telephone No.	
IV-1-4	Facsimile No.	

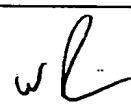
PCT REQUEST

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<p>AP: GH GM KE LS MW MZ SD SL SZ TZ UG ZM ZW and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT</p> <p>EA: AM AZ BY KG KZ MD RU TJ TM and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT</p> <p>EP: AT BE BG CH&LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT</p> <p>OA: BF BJ CF CG CI CM GA GN GQ GW ML MR NE SN TD TG and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT</p>
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<p>AE AG AL AM AT (patent and utility model) AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY BZ CA CH&LI CN CO CR CU CZ (patent and utility model) DE (patent and utility model) DK (patent and utility model) DM DZ EC EE (patent and utility model) EG ES FI (patent and utility model) GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ NI NO NZ OM PG PH PL PT (patent and utility model) RO RU SC SD SE SG SK (patent and utility model) SL SY TJ TM TN TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VC VN YU ZA ZM ZW</p>
V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE

PCT REQUEST

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

VI-1	Priority claim of earlier regional application		
VI-1-1	Filing date	20 December 2002 (20.12.2002)	
VI-1-2	Number	02022589.2	
VI-1-3	Regional Office	EP	
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	6	-
IX-2	Description (excluding sequence listing part)	33	-
IX-3	Claims	2	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT
IX-5	Drawings	2	-
IX-7a	Sub-total number of sheets	44	
IX-6	Sequence listing part of description	1	-
IX-7	TOTAL	45	
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	✓	-
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	reference no. 170	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract		
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
X-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	FINNIE, Nicholas, James	

FOR RECEIVING OFFICE USE ONLY

10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	
------	---	--

PCT REQUEST

Original (for SUBMISSION) - printed on 31.10.2003 11:40:16 AM

10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/EP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

FOR INTERNATIONAL BUREAU USE ONLY

11-1	Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau	03.11.03	03 NOV 2003
------	--	----------	-------------